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THE CONVENTION PLATFORM.

Republicans of Hawaii have not had time to discuss issues of the coming local campaign, and it is not surprising that with the convention to elect delegates to the National convention three days distant the party should be wool-gathering on what sort of a platform the coming convention should adopt.

It is true that the convention of Monday is not the convention at which there need necessarily be any declaration on local issues.

This convention should, however, give expression to its views on the issues that are before the American people.

At this convention the Republicans of the Territory will have their only opportunity to take a hand in National affairs. This, then, is the proper time to say what they have to offer.

Hawaii should declare its position on the tariff.

Hawaii should stand flat-footed against any tariff revision that will jeopardize industries fostered by the protective tariff and to which greater freedom of trade will mean ruin.

It makes no difference whether Taft or Fairbanks or Knox or Cannon has gone before the people on State platforms that hedge on the tariff question, the Republicans of the Territory of Hawaii should make a clear-cut, direct and incisive declaration that they are for a protective tariff—a high protective tariff—first, last and always, and that their votes in the National convention should go with the combination representing the protective principle that has not only built up the industries of Hawaii, but is the very cornerstone of the great wealth of the whole country.

Republicans should declare for the continuation of the tariff on sugar and a higher tariff for canned fruits, and a protective tariff for the coffee industry.

This Territory stands as an example of the value of the protective tariff in agricultural industry.

Standpatism and more protection should stick out of every plank of the platform passed by the Republican convention.

Republicans should also pledge themselves in a good ringing paragraph approving the action of Congress in forwarding the development of Pearl Harbor and the construction of ordinary coast defenses for the promotion of peace.

The assignment, permanent assignment, of the Battleship Fleet to the waters of the Pacific should be urged.

Republicans of Hawaii have now their principal opportunity for placing themselves on record in connection with the great transportation problems that are by no means local. Our coming convention might well put itself on record for the ship subsidy bill, and should that fail, for the suspension of the coastwise shipping laws.

There is no better time for the people of the Islands to remind their fellow-citizens of the mainland that they are doing these Islands a rank injustice, when they refuse to foster the American merchant marine and at the same time fine citizens or residents who travel to American ports in foreign ships, \$200, each.

There are few places on earth where the American flag waves more deeply involved in the great National questions of the day than Hawaii.

The utterances of the Republican convention, called to name delegates who will assist in naming the next President of the United States, should be in keeping with the dignity of the occasion.

The platform should show that Hawaii realizes its National importance and the growing power of America in the Pacific.

CIVIC INQUISITION.

The "executive" of the Civic Federation has done its usual trick. This "executive" committee has held its meeting behind closed doors, and also keeps the record of its

membership under the same lock and key.

The Civic Federation may have a frightfully large membership but the members are either ashamed of their associations, or too lazy to attend the semi-occasional meetings when the "full membership" is called out.

This organization, with a name and a few self-promoted executive officers, poses before the community as comparable with the combined business organization of this city and Hilo.

The presumption is farcical.

But if the "organization" were nothing more than a few men tied together by their own conceit, it would be entitled to a public hearing for what it is worth. The "executives" fear that the true value be known is obvious.

It apparently hopes to make its worth of some real size by maintaining absolute secrecy. Working in the dark, its deeds are the product of those who walk in darkness. The one independent vote is all the proof that is needed.

FOR THE OPEN PORT.

So Pinkham as President of the Board of Health does not keep the port open?

That is what the agent of the character assassins claims. These persons would have people believe that the Federal officers are solely responsible for the lack of extraordinary quarantine restrictions.

This does not fool intelligent citizens of the Territory.

It would be impossible for the

Kilauea Volcano

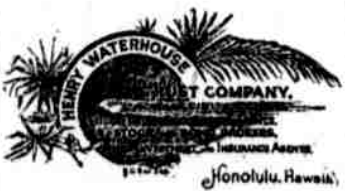
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Federal officers act according to the local health conditions.

A clean town keeps the port open, and Pinkham has organized a capable staff that keeps the town clean.

The administration of the Board of Health under President Pinkham has been such that serious epidemics have been checked and the town cleaned. The Federal authorities have therefore been able to grant the freedom from restrictions on foreign shipping that goes with an open port.

That is the real fact. Business men and others, who consider it worth their while to get the facts, know it.

The superiority of the Pinkham administration is found in the confidence which his work has inspired with the Federal authorities and the people of the Territory.

SUCH AN INDEPENDENCE.

The Advertiser does not seek anybody's support at the cost of its independence. — Advertiser editorial.

It is to laugh again, at another colored egg.

The sheet that talks about its own independence is indeed the same that converts, itself into a blatherskite bludgeon for swatting the leading business men of the Islands.

This thing that proclaims its own independence, announces that the directors of the business organizations of this city, when passing upon the President of the Board of Health, are influenced by the desire for fat contracts or the friendship of club associations.

It is all up to the business men. It is merely a question of how long they intend to stand for such obvious skulduggery, hypocrisy, and malicious misrepresentation,—done in the name of "its independence"!

BOSH!

What sense folly it is to praise Iaukea for his enforcement of the law at Iwilei and condemn Pinkham for non-enforcement.

Iaukea has always had the law at his command. Pinkham has not robbed him of any of the laws or of his power of enforcement.

The attitude of the outfit that is trying to make fish of Pinkham and fowl of Iaukea is an example of the hideous prejudices and the rank dishonesty that brought about crimes in the name of liberty.

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THWING'S AGITATION

(Continued from Page 5.)
letter to you, in the Public Press, so that you may clearly understand that the lawabiding citizens of Honolulu are ready to back you up, as strongly as possible, in the difficult situation now before you. It may be a little hard on Honolulu, to have to admit, that it is so difficult to secure the enforcement of its laws, but we must face the situation as it is.

The Ministerial Union, at its regular meeting this week, unanimously voted to continue, and enlarge, the special Committee on Iwilei, and law enforcement. It directed that committee to go ahead and work. We intend to do so. The right of a few to agitate and secure a certain policy, has been questioned. We believe, however, that the great majority of the best citizens of this city will agree that the principle of securing the enforcement of important laws is a right one. We also admit that those who fail to see the use or value of these laws have a perfect right to agitate and seek to secure their change.

HARD WORK.

In the work of cleaning up this town, and freeing it, to a large extent, from this, which we consider an unnecessary evil, we know is hard work. We would like to have you know, Mr. Iaukea, that there are many men ready to stand by you in this good work. We should be glad to receive suggestions from you as to how we may best co-operate in this difficult task. Let us know how we may help. The Ministerial Union wishes to practice as well as preach. There are some, however, who sincerely believe that there should be regulation of this evil. And we would present to you a brief consideration of that side of the question.

REGULATION OF CRIME AND VICE.

The only safe way for any community is to work for the principle of the enforcement of its laws. That is the basis of its government. It would be unwise to seek to regulate stealing, lying, perjury, gambling, and so of any vice. Regulation of crime and vice does not regulate. In the present discussion, many believe, and honestly so, for they are good men, that regulation is the best thing for the community. A few weeks ago the good Episcopalian Bishop of Honolulu believed so. Then he studied the matter carefully, read the report of the committee of fifteen, regarding the seaport of New York. He came to the conclusion that regulation does not regulate, and declared emphatically that which is the very platform of this reform movement, "that the laws must be enforced, not only in this one place, but everywhere else."

That is a safe principle, and in accord with true American ideals. There is no real gain, in the protection, largely of Oriental persons, in the carrying on of an unlawful business; a business that enriches some of the very worst men in the community, and offers temptation and danger to our own sons and daughters.

In one place in Southern California, where this great evil was realized and met, a certain time was given to these persons to leave the town, and they left. Some of these unlawful persons now in Honolulu could be required to leave the country. This need of vice is not necessary, under our present laws, and it is impossible to prove that it is.

TRUE REGULATION.

A friend, a Christian gentleman of common sense, who holds a different opinion from ours, said: "I believe that rigid regulation, and inspection, both of men and women, is the best plan; keep this business all in one place." Many others hold that view. But consider it. If carried out as



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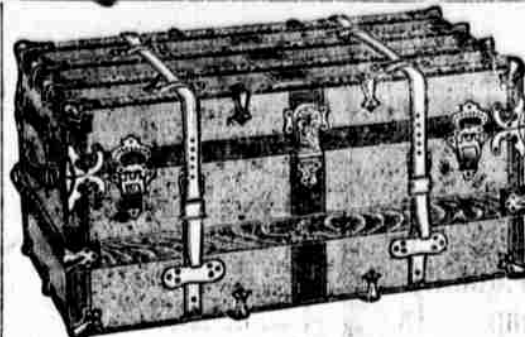
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Selection—"Fighting Brothers" Verdi

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